Conversion of Ghatkopar Railway Station into Suburban Railway Terminal in Bombay

796. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand to convert Ghatkopar Railway Station in Bombay into a Suburban Railway Terminal;

(b) if so, what is the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that this would ease the over-crowding in other North-bound suburban train during peak hours; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to reduce over-crowding and increase frequency of suburban trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not operationally feasible to provide a suburban terminal of Ghatkopar, in view of the fact that the existing Kurla Terminal is located in close vicinity of only 3.91 kms away from Ghatkopar. Besides, it will adversely affect the running of the trains.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Overcrowding in north-bound suburban trains during peak hours will persist as the total number of suburban services on the Bombay VT-Ghatkopar section will remain the same. However, the problem of ovecrowding in suburban trains can be eased by introducing additional trains.

As a part of optimisation of suburban services, it is proposed to reduce headway between trains progressively from 5 minutes to 4 minutes and from 4 minutes to 3 minutes, subject to availability of funds and EMU rakes. This will help in increasing the frequency of suburban trains.

Late running of Jhelum Express

797. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Jhelum Express running from Pune to Jammu is always late on all Mondays for over six hours;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to change in the time-table of this train on Mondays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) On every Monday 4677Up Jhelum Express is rescheduled to leave Pune at 21.30 hrs. instead of usual departure timings of 17.40 hrs.

(b) The overlapping rake of Jhelum Express is utilised to run 1095/1096 Pune-Ahmedabad Ahimsa Express (weekly) leaving Pune on every Sunday and coming back on Tuesday.

(c) A decision has already been taken to delink the rakes of the two trains.

798. (Transferred to 10th Dec., 1993.)

Target for revenue earning Traffic

799. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are not likely to achieve the target of Transporting 370 Million tonnes of Revenue earning Traffic this year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are hopeful to achieve the target in the remaining five months of the current financial year; and

(d) if not, the loss likely to be borne by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) Railways have the capacity and can achieve the target of 370 million tonnes of traffic during the current financial year if the traffic from the core sectors offers as projected. While there has been a short-fall in the demand during the first eight months of the year, there are positive signs of revival of the demand and consequently the target for revenue earning freight traffic is likely to be achieved.

रेलवे द्वारा जारी मानद पास

800. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं, जिन्हें इस समय रेलवे द्वारा मानद पास जारी किये गये हैं तथा इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इस प्रकार के मानद पास जारी करने हेतु इस समय रेलवे द्वारा किस प्रक्रिया का अनुसरण किया जा रहा है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) उन व्यक्तियों/संगठनों के ब्यौरे, जिन्हें 1-12-1993 को वैध मानार्थ कार्ड पास जारी किए गए हैं, संलग्न अनुपत्र में दिए गए हैं। [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 169, अनुपत्र सं० 17]

(ख) रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा ऐसे कार्ड पास सुविख्यात व्यक्तियों, अखिल भारतीय स्तर के ऐसे संगठनों, जो सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक, वैज्ञानिक, साहित्यिक, खेलकूद और शैक्षणिक गतिविधियों को समर्पित हैं, आदि को प्रदान किए जाते हैं, ये पास मार्ग निदेशों और औचित्य तथा प्रत्येक मामले के गुण दोष के आधार पर जारी किए जाते हैं।

छितौनी बगहा परियोजना का निर्माण

801. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छितौनी बगहा परियोजना के निर्माण-कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है तथा निर्माण-कार्य को पूरा करने में क्या-क्या बाधाएं हैं; और

(ख) निर्माण कार्य के कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका) : (क) और (ख) पुल की नींव में दो गाइड बंधों और पहुंच तटों तथा 8 कुंओं का निर्माण कार्य पूरा कर दिया गया है। इसके अलावा, स्लोप पिचिंग और एप्रन, जल निकासी कार्य, टर्फिंग तथा फिनिशिंग जैसे सुरक्षात्मक कार्य भी पूरे किए गए हैं, समग्र प्रगति 63% है, रेलों द्वारा प्राय: अपने समूचे हिस्से की अग्रिम में व्यवस्था करके यह प्रगति प्राप्त की गई है। इस परियोजना की आगे की प्रगति तथा इसका पूरा होना अन्य सह-भागीदारों यथा बिहार तथा उत्तर प्रदेश सरकारों तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय द्वारा समय पर अपने हिस्से का भुगतान करने पर निर्भर करेगा।

Delay in completion of Konkan Railway Project

802. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Konkan Railway Project is likely to be further delayed due to the reluctance of the Government of Goa to permit resumption of work;

(b) whether this delay would lead to cost escalation for the project; and

(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take or has taken to ensure the timely completion of the Konkan Railway Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir. Goa Government is cooperating.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.